Ten Point Memorandum Submitted By National Campaign Committee of Trade Unions

466. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received a ten-point Memorandum from the National Campaign Committee of Trade Unions; and

(b) whether Government have considered the same and reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) A memorandum was received from some trade union organisations in which certain objections relating to the new series of Consumer Price Index for industrial workers with 1982 as the base year, were raised. These matters were discussed earlier at the regional and national level meetings with the index users viz., employers, employees and the State Governments. The new series of Consumer Price Index for industrial workers with 1982 as the base year was introduced after holding these consultations at the regional and national levels. For deriving the linking factor to relate the 1960 and 1982 base series, the employees' representatives had suggested the ratio of the average of the indices of the 12 months preceding the month of introduction of the new series. The Government accepted the suggestion of the employees' representatives.

Pension to Destitute/old Persons by Punjab Government

467. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Social Welfare department of the Punjab Government has been giving pension of Rs. 50|-per month to destitute|old persons, widows and children;

(b) whether this amount was being sent by M.O. earlier and now it has been changed to bank payment;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether some cases of corrupt practices were brought to the notice of high up demanding enquiry;

(e) whether any communication from Shri Satpal Dang, Ex-Minister was received by the Governor in this connection; and

(f) if so, the action taken thereon to enquire and punish the culprits?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Approval of Sponsored Serials

468. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan is not accepting serial under the 'Sponsored' category;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in spite of a ban on accepting 'sponsored' serials, Doordarshan have approved some serials under 'sponsored' category thus giving preferential treatment to some producers; and

(c) if so, what are the names of those producers who have been given some serials under "sponsored" category alongwith the name of the serials during the last six months?